

Dear Paul,

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Glad to get your note of the 8th and the LATimes review of the Summers book.

I've been meaning to write you to let you know that on Monday I'm going into Georgetown Univ. Hospital for arterial surgery. They think I'll be there 3-9 days. I gather that this is as routine as any such surgery can be. I can't tell you much because I didn't ask any questions. So until I'm there I won't know.

I had my local doctor send me down for examination with some of the wonderful modern electronic gadgetry. It disclosed a partial blockage in the left femoral artery. I was then admitted for a day for an arteriogram which disclosed that it can be fixed and another one of which I know nothing. All I asked is whether they could do it immediately and about how long I'd be in. The doctor has an international reputation. He was the consultant on Nixon's thigh surgery, the same approximate location.

Sorry the strike has had you out of work for so long. It is in the news around here pretty much every day but I recall no suggestion that the issues will be resolved soon. Hope they are, not because I look at those shows because I don't, but because of all the jobs of so many people. Reminds me of the business of the musicians and composers not getting paid for their records that were used on radio in the early days.

Summers has gone a craftsmanlike job of puffing up a readable and impressive book. However, it cannot survive close analysis and only those buffs who are for anything that is against the official story think well of it. His theories do not survive close examination of them, but they are attractive.

He simply is not honest. You have detected his purloining of my work. Why trust a man who does that and goes to such extremes to make it appear that he cites his sources?

His claim that those people were not interviewed also is untrue.

Some of those in whom he puts great store, often with no corroboration or any kind of confirmation, have no credibility at all.

The Times review is not an unusual one. Those who are not blindly against any criticism of the official mythology like both what he has fabricated and how he did it.

I have no reason to have any question about the known account of the tragic murder of Lowenstein, that it was by a sick man.

Our summer appears finally to have ended. The last couple of night have been in the low 60s, most of the days now do not get to 80 - for maybe a week or less, although some have gotten that hot. The heat set an all-time record here, and with it we've had and are having a drought. Now the trees are beginning to turn, those that do earlier, a few leaves have fallen, the Japanese beetles are gone and there are other signs of fall. Glad your summer was not too unpleasant.

Our best,